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To "Peter Van Tuyn" cc Richard Parkin

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Subject Re: EPA's June meetings

Hi Peter.

At this point the list of travelers is still the same. There have been no significant changes, only to meeting location in Dillingham to accommodate more people. The Draft agenda for the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment Listening Sessions (Newhalen & Dillingham) is as follows:

Newhalen June 1st Agenda
7PM - Welcome & Opening - Newhalen Tribal Council
710PM - Introductions of EPA Officials - led by Rick Parkin
730PM - Summary of Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment by EPA
745PM - Open Dialogue
845PM - Closing

Thursday - the EPA officials will be traveling to Ekwok (from Iliamna) in the morning, then traveling by boat to New Stuyahok, and then by boat to Koliganek where they will spend the night. The tribal governments are working to organize meetings with the community in those villages.

Thursday - EPA & ADNR will conduct Mining Information Session in Newhalen

Friday AM - the EPA officials will travel to Dillingham. Patty McGrath (EPA), Tom Crafford of ADNR, and myself will be doing the Mining Information session. We will be breaking that session at 1015AM so that people can get over to the Elementary school for the Bristol Bay Watershed Update/Listening Session.

Friday - Mining Information Session in Dillingham (EPA & ADNR)

Friday - Bristol Bay Update - Dillingham June 3rd Agenda
1030AM - Welcome & Invocation - Curyung Tribe (invited)
1040AM - Introductions of EPA Officials - led by Rick Parkin
11AM - Summary of Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment by EPA
1115-12PM - Open Dialogue
12PM - Closing
12-1245PM Lunch - Curyung is organizing a Potluck
1245PM - EPA officials must leave to go to the airport
1245PM - Mining Information Participants head back to the BBNA Head Start Building

(1PM - 530PM - Mining Information Session continues)

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thanks - Tami





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"Peter Van Tuyn"

Tami and Rick,

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Date: 05/24/2011 12:50 PM Subject: EPA's June meetings

Tami and Rick,

Can you provide me with any updated info re the upcoming EPA mtgs in the Bristol Bay region. As I understand the schedule, it looks like this:

7-9 p.m., June 1, 2011 – Newhalen. Formal meeting.

June 2, 2011 -- Ekwok, New Stuyahok, and Koliganak. Informal meetings with community members and tribal leaders.

10:30 a.m. to Noon, June 3, 2011, Dillingham. Formal meeting.

Is there also a meeting in Iliamna? Anywhere else?

And has the senior EPA team changed (Bob, Nancy and Dennis)?

Thanks for any updates you may have, and for getting these folks to the region at such a great time of year!

Best, Peter

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Mining Information Session Dillingham & Newhalen

Newhalen Newhalen Teen Center Thursday, June 2, 2011 Dillingham BBNA Head Start Building Friday, June 3, 2011

US Environmental Protection Agency and Alaska Department of Natural Resources will share information on their regulatory roles in the mining permitting process. Topics include:

- Mining Fundamentals, Exploration, Mining, Mineral Processing
- Environmental Concerns and Issues, Soil, Water, Air impacts, Tailings Dams
- Regulations and Permitting Process
- How Tribes and Community Members Can Be Involved

Interested community members from the Bristol Bay Region are all invited. All elders, tribal leaders, representatives from the city, native corporations, watershed council, non-profits, and youth – please join us! Pre-registration is requested, because space is limited.

To register or for more information: Tami Fordham, EPA at (907) 271-1484 (fordham.tami@epa.gov) Online at: www.epa.gov/region10/bristolbay

EPA Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment Listening Session

EPA managers and representatives will be available to talk with you about the EPA Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment and answer questions.

Newhalen Teen Center 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Dillingham Elementary Friday June 3rd 10:30AM to 12PM

AGENDA

Mining Information Session

Dillingham, AK

Bristol Bay Native Association – Head Start Building June 3rd, 2011

Invocation & Welcome – Curyung Tribe & BBNA Overall Introduction of Session and Participants - facilitated by Tami Fordham, EPA (8:30-8:45)

Part 1: Mining Fundamentals (8:45 – 9:30AM) Introduction - Patty McGrath, EPA Exploration and Mining – Tom Crafford, ADNR Mineral Processing – Patty

Part 2: Environmental Concerns and Issues (9:30 – 10:15 AM) Introduction, Environmental Issues - Patty Break (10:15 AM – 10:30)

Update on Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment – Rick Parkin (EPA), Senior Management Lead & others TBD (10:30-12PM) ** held @ Dillingham Elementary

Lunch Break (12:00 – 1:00)

Part 2: Environmental Concerns and Issues, continued (1:00 – 1:45 PM) Introduction, Environmental Issues, continued - Patty Tailings dams & mine closure & take home message – Tom

Q&A - 1:45 - 2:15

Part 3: Agencies and Regulatory Process (2:15- 3:30) Introduction, federal agencies, EPA authorities - Patty NEPA and CWA – Patty State authorizations and permits – Tom CERCLA, Pogo example and summary – Patty

Break (3:30-3:45)

Part 4: How Tribes Can be Involved (3:45-4:30) Tami

Discussion & Wrap-up (4:30 - 5:30PM)

AGENDA Mining Information Session

Newhalen, AK

Newhalen Teen Center June 2nd, 2011

****EVENING MEETING JUNE 1st – 7-9PM – Update on Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment (Newhalen Teen Center)

Invocation & Welcome – Newhalen Tribal Council Overall Introduction of Session and Participants - facilitated by Tami Fordham (EPA)

Part 1: Mining Fundamentals (9:00 – 9:45) Introduction - Patty McGrath, EPA Exploration and Mining - Tom Crafford, ADNR Mineral Processing - Patty

Part 2: Environmental Concerns and Issues (9:45-11:00)Introduction, Environmental Issues - Patty Tailings dams & mine closure & take home message - Tom

Discussion: 11:00-12:00

Lunch Break (12:00 – 1:00)

Part 3: Agencies and Regulatory Process (1:00 – 2:30) Introduction, federal agencies, EPA authorities - Patty NEPA – Patty CWA - Patty State authorizations and permits - Tom CERCLA, Pogo example and summary – Patty

Break (2:30 - 2:45)

Part 4: How Tribes Can be Involved (2:45 – 3:30) Tami

Follow-up Discussion (3:30-4:30)